

21st Century Slavery

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1 According to the U.S. Department of State, the number of people living in "modern-day slavery" in the world today is about

- a 27 million.
- b 4 million.
- c 150,000.
- d 60,000.

2 Which was true of slavery in the Roman Empire?

- a Slaves made up about 5 percent of the population at the height of Rome's power.
- b Slavery was illegal, so working slaves were usually concealed from view.
- c Prisoners of war and people who couldn't pay their debts were forced into slavery.
- d all of the above

3 What led to an increased demand for slaves in America in the early 19th century?

- a the end of indentured servitude
- b the legalization of slavery
- c the expansion of cotton plantations
- d none of the above

4 In the U.S., the ____ abolished slavery.

- a 13th Amendment
- b 14th Amendment
- c 15th Amendment
- d 19th Amendment

5 According to the article, how do people typically become modern-day slaves?

- a They are kidnapped and sold at private auctions.
- b They are lured by promises of jobs and a better life.
- c They are ordered into servitude by corrupt governments.
- d They are taken forcefully as prisoners of war.

6 Today, slavery is recognized as criminal

- a in every nation on earth.
- b only in the world's most economically developed countries.
- c in about half of the world's countries.
- d only in the Western Hemisphere.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

1 Why does President Obama call human trafficking "modern slavery"? Why do you think he emphasizes that he does not use the word slavery lightly?

2 According to the article, what has boosted the supply of potential trafficking victims in recent years?

3 What forms does human trafficking take in the U.S.? What can the U.S. do to combat the problem?